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SUBJECT:U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESEARCH ON BAHAMAS BANK,
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1. U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED SMALL RESEARCH UNIT AT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI TO CONDUCT BASIC RESEARCH ON SEDIMENTATION, ALTERATION OF SEDIMENTS, AND GROWTH PROCESSES OF CORAL REEFS. UNIT PLANS TO CONDUCT THIS RESEARCH IN NUMBER OF AREAS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO CONCENTRATE MAJOR PART OF RESEARCH OVER 1975 AND 1976 IN AREA OF BAHAMAS BANK. USGS HAS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT WE OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM GCOB FOR THIS RESEARCH FOR A FULL YEAR, BEGINNING AS SOON AS GCOB REGULATIONS PERMIT, ON BASIS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH USGS UNDERSTANDS HAS BEEN WORKED OUT WITH GCOB BY U. OF MIAMI

2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY DETERMINE AND ADVISE DEPT OF APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUCH CLEARANCE (E.G. WHETHER DEPT SHOULD PUT USGS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE GCOB OFFICIALS, WHAT TYPES INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED, RECOGNIZING THAT DETAILED INFORMATION SUCH AS THAT PROVIDED FOR SPECIFIC CRUISES COULD NOT BE PROVIDED; ETC.) KISSINGER

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